



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date: 1/19/16
Agenda Item #: B.2
Est. Start Time: 10:00 am
Date Submitted: 1/12/16

Agenda Title: Informational Board Briefing on Mental Health System

Note: Title should not be more than 2 lines but be sufficient to describe the action requested.

Requested Meeting Date: January 19, 2016 Time Needed: 1 Hour
Department: Non-D Division: District 3
Contact(s): Adam Renon
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Presenter Name(s) & Title(s): Joanne Fuller (Health Department Director); David Hidalgo (Director of Mental Health and Addiction Services); Neal Rotman (Community Mental Health Program Manager); Chris Farentinos (Director of Behavioral Health Services, Legacy Health); Jay Auslander (Senior Director of Emergency Service, Cascadia Behavioral Health); Jon Betlinski (Chief Medical Officer, Cascadia Behavioral Health); Kevin McChesney (Administrator, Telecare) Ann Kasper (Peer Advocate)

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

This is a briefing for the Board of County Commissioners on the mental health crisis system in our community. Presenters will highlight existing services and programs, new services coming on line, and gaps that need to be addressed.

2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer this action affects and how it impacts the results.

The mental health crisis system is a critical component of the Multnomah County safety net. Thousands of individuals access crisis services annually. The Multnomah County Mental Health and Addiction Services Division (MHASD) operates several programs within this continuum, as well as funding a number of services with our community providers. These services treat some of the most vulnerable members of our community, including those with low-income, the uninsured, and homeless individuals and family. Programs include a 24 hour crisis line, direct call transfer from 911, mobile crisis services, involuntary commitment services, and respite services to residents who require immediate attention.

Multnomah County is also the Mental Health Managed Care Organization for Medicaid. MHASD is a subcontractor of the Coordinated Care Organization HealthShare of Oregon. MHASD programs provide early intervention for those at high risk of a drug/alcohol or

gambling addiction and/or mental illness. Jail Diversion programs partner with the corrections system to link residents to services in the community to avoid incarceration. School Based Mental Health clinical services are located in 27 schools and 13 School Based Health Clinics.

Decades of federally mandated deinstitutionalization was followed by a lack of investment in community resources to treat individuals with mental health problems. More resources have been directed to the mental health system in recent years, as policy makers have increased their focus on filling those gaps. Services like the Crisis Assessment and Treatment Center and soon to open Unity Behavioral Health Center are important parts in establishing an actual continuum of services. More needs to be done to fill out this continuum, including programs to treat individuals prior to crisis and with range of different acuity levels.

3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).

N/A

4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.

N/A

5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.

N/A

Required Signature

Elected Official

or Department/

Agency Director:

Judy Shiprack /s/

1/12/16

Date:

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